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VTRANS ANNOUNCES NEW INTERCITY BUS SERVICE STARTING EARLY IN 2014

MONTPELIER, Vt.—November 15, 2013—Beginning this winter, Vermonters and visitors will have more choices to get around New England and beyond thanks to the addition of new intercity bus routes to be operated by Premier Coach and Greyhound. The new routes, funded by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans), include service from Burlington to Albany, NY via Bennington and Rutland as well as service between Rutland and White River Junction and on to Hanover, NH, plus improved service between White River Junction and Springfield, MA.

Chris Cole, Director of VTrans Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development Division states, "These new bus routes will work with our existing successful bus, rail and airline services to provide a more robust system of connectivity for Vermonters and visitors alike, ensuring more car free and affordable transportation options."

Initially, there will be one round trip per route per day. The new service will provide connections to other existing intercity service connecting on to New York City, Boston, Montreal and other major northeast destinations on comfortably appointed coaches.

The contracted operators will be working with communities along the proposed routes to establish a network of stop locations and associated services. According to Randy Charlebois of Premier Coach, a Vermont company, "Premier Coach is excited to work with the Vermont Agency of Transportation to bring safe, reliable and meaningful connections to and from Vermont. We look forward to serving Vermonters and those visiting Vermont with a comfortable, affordable and environmentally friendly mode of transportation."

"Greyhound is proud to provide Vermonters and anyone visiting Vermont additional, convenient connections to more than 3,800 destinations across the United States and Canada through this partnership with the Vermont Agency of Transportation," said Lori Buzzerio, area manager, Greyhound Lines, Inc.

More details will be available as VTrans finalizes agreements with the contractors who were selected through a competitive bid process.